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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Medi-Cal Program Liaisons

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Ref.: Rescission of Alien Registration Receipt Card; Form I-151

This information letter is to inform the counties that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has extended the period for replacement of green cards issued before 1979 until March 20, 1996.

The extension will allow applicants to receive the new counterfeit-resistant Form I-551 green card, which replaces the old Form I-151 issued prior to 1979 and all prior documentation such as Forms AR-3 and AR-103. INS will continue to honor the old I-151 cards in order to avoid confusion over employment rights and entitlement benefits for those lawful permanent residents who either have not yet applied for the new card or are awaiting receipt of the I-551.

Please encourage lawful permanent residents seeking benefits to apply for the new I-551 green cards as soon as possible. Individuals seeking to replace their green cards may be referred to the INS toll-free number (800) 755-0777 for information on how and where to apply for the new card.

Please direct any questions to Ms. Marlene King of my staff at (916) 657-0134.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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